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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DD/I (Administration)

SUBJECT: ORR Comments on the Draft of the Agency Publications Board Staff Study Entitled, "Dissemination of Agency Publications beyond the Intelligence Community," dated 3 August 1960


1. Subject draft has been reviewed by appropriate officers of ORR. It is encouraging to find that action is underway to regularize procedures for the distribution of unclassified CIA intelligence to the public.
2. At present this Office is chiefly interested in the distribution of its unclassified reports to a relatively small group of individuals and organizations, largely within the academic field. To this extent, ORR is not deeply concerned with the problem of public sale and associated printing authorization.
3. Occasionally, however, the Office does produce unclassified items, such as atlases, which are appropriate for sale to the public at large. Our experience with the China Atlas suggests that study needs to be given for ways of establishing the price to the public for CIA items placed on sale, and that an explicit statement of policy covering this question be issued.
4. The draft regulation bears down rather heavily on the policy of public dissemination of CIA material being made, insofar as possible, by other Government agencies. From ORR's point of view, it would be helpful if greater flexibility be given by rewording the first full sentence of the draft regulation on page 19 to read, "Disseminations by sale to the public will be attributed to this Agency only when there exists some particular reason for such attribution."
5. In the draft regulation on page 17 it states that the regulation is concerned with dissemination of unclassified material in the continental United States. There could be instances when an originating Office might recommend distribution outside the continental United States or an organization abroad might wish to purchase a CIA publication placed on sale. The draft regulation excludes consideration of such questions.


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6. There is some concern within ORR that the regulation might be interpreted as suggesting that the AD/CR would judge the suitability for public distribution of each item in terms of its value to the recipient and the Agency and that he could exercise a veto in deciding such matters. However, I am convinced that any serious conflict of views of this nature that might arise between the originating Office and the AD/CR would be brought to the attention of higher authority before a final decision regarding dissemination.

7. I might mention one minor point. On page 2 of Tab B, there is a statement that the China Atlas was issued by CIA and attributed to ORR. Actually the cover read, "Prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency -- Distributed only by U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Technical Services. The Office of Research and Reports was not mentioned although its serial identification was shown.

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